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SUBJECT: FISHERIES: ICELANDIC-BELGIAN AGREEMENT

1. DURING COURTESY CALL ON ME MARCH 31, NEWLY-APPOINTED BELGIAN AMBASSADOR ANCIAUX (RESIDENT IN OSLO) TOLD ME FOREIGN MINISTER AGUSTSSON HAD ALL BUT EXPLICITLY TOLD HIM PRECEDING DAY THAT GOB COULD EXPECT RECEIVE IN MAY FORMAL SIX MONTHS NOTIFICATION FROM GOI OF LATTER'S INTENTION TO TERMINATE FISHING AGREEMENT WITH BELGIUM. ANCIAUX, WHOSE ENGLISH IS EXCELLENT, SAID THERE WAS NO MISTAKING AGUSTSSON'S MEANING. BELGIAN AMBASSADOR CONFIDENTIAL

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HAZARDED GUESS THAT PURPOSE OF NOTIFICATION
IN MAY WOULD BE TO PERMIT EXPIRATION OF AGREEMENT WITH
BELGIUM AT MORE OR LESS SAME TIME AS THAT WITH FRG
WHICH IS SCHEDULED TO EXPIRE NOVEMBER 28. ANCIAUX SAID
THAT WITH SUCH NOTIFICATION PROBLEM OF FISHING RIGHTS
WOULD BECOME RESPONSIBILITY OF EEC, RATHER THAN BILATERAL
ISSUE BETWEEN BELGIUM AND ICELAND, ALTHOUGH BELGIUM WOULD

| OBVIOUSLY HOPE SOMETHING COULD BE DONE TO PROTECT ITS |
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| INTEREST IN ICELANDIC FISHERIES.                      |
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